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| Applicant: | Bart ter BRAAK | Examiner: | Michael P. Ferguson |
| Serial No.: | 10/620,550 | Group Art Unit: | 3679 |
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| Title: | SAFETY CONNECTION INTENDED FOR SUSPENDING OBJECTS | | |

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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants' representative, Gregory A. Sebald spoke with over the telephone with Examiner Michael Ferguson on June 3, 2008. Claims 3-8, 11, 14, 17 and 20-23 were discussed. The Examiner proposed an Examiner's Amendment adding structure to claim 17 to provide sufficient clarity for mounting the rail to the mounting surface to recite a plurality of circumferentially arranged lips defining the passage by the resilient lips providing clarification regarding the first retaining element within the passage in a coupled position and the retaining resilient lips deforming radially outward to detach the first retaining element from the passage. The dependent claims were amended for consistency with an amended claim 17. The Examiner indicated the application would be in condition for allowance. Applicant's representative indicated that the claims need to be studied and that the Applicant would be contacted to confirm that the amendments were acceptable.

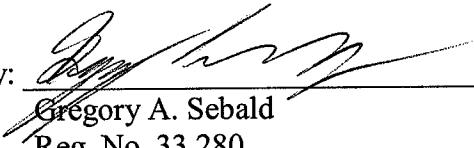
Applicant's representative provided confirmation that the amendments were acceptable and that the amendments would be made by the Examiner's amendment on June 4, 2008. No other matters were discussed. Applicant's representative thanks Examiner Ferguson for the courtesy and cooperation extended during the interview.

If a telephone interview would be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicants' representative at 612.336.4728.



Dated: 7/9/08

Respectfully submitted,
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